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Application of: VITE et al.

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For: EPOTHILONE DERIVATIVES

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**AMENDMENT**

**Box Non-Fee Amendment**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the following amendments and remarks for consideration and entry into the record of the above-captioned application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims and allowance thereof.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Marked up versions of all revised paragraphs showing insertions and deletions are included in Appendix A.

Replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 1-3 with the following text:

E' -- B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> are selected from the group consisting of OR<sub>24</sub>, or OCOR<sub>25</sub>, or O<sub>2</sub>CNR<sub>26</sub>R<sub>27</sub>; when B<sub>1</sub> is OH and Y is OH, H they can form a six-membered ring ketal or acetal;--

**IN THE CLAIMS**

A marked up version of the amended claims showing insertions and deletions is attached hereto as Exhibit B. For the Examiner's convenience a list of the currently pending claims is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

Please rewrite claims 1, 8, 11, 14, 15, 23, 25, 27 and 29 as follows:

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